

ASW News – 18th March 2018

COLLECT: *Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

CHORAL EVENSONG: This afternoon at 5.30pm followed by wine and cheese.

MESSY CHURCH: Thanks to all who came and helped or joined in yesterday.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID PEPE: who has been licenced by the Bishop as an occasional preacher. He is being commissioned this morning at the 8o'clock service and will join David Burrows, Richard Bacon, Elizabeth Gibbs, Ruth Gill, Laura Gill and Phil Lewis on the preaching rota. We are very grateful to all of them for this ministry and look forward to hearing David's first sermon very soon.

GREEN GYM: Next Saturday, the 'Gym' opens for the year. It's time to spruce up the churchyard before Easter and an opportunity for some gentle exercise in the fresh air. 8.30am-12.30pm Refreshments are provided during the morning and meet for a well earned drink in the White Hart afterwards. There are some tools available to use or bring your own. All very welcome.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: March 29th 8pm. Our Archdeacon Ven. Paul Davies will be president and preaching at this service. Everyone is invited to have a foot washed at this service. It is a very moving and humbling experience to have a foot washed and helps to enter into the spirit of Holy Week.

HOLY WEEK PRAYER STATIONS: For the first three days of Holy Week, there will be prayer stations round the church from 3pm Monday 26th March until 6pm Wednesday 28th March. The church will be open all day for anyone to come into church and look at all or any of the different ways being offered to pray, meditate or just to take time to sit quietly. With the exception of our usual Wednesday activities, the prayer stations will be available in daylight hours on all three days.

HELP NEEDED: Ruby, our cleaner, is currently unable to do the cleaning of the church on a Saturday due to a fall during the snow. Please can anyone help for a short time whilst Ruby recovers? Anyone who is able to assist please contact either Ann or Elvie.

CHANDLER SCHOOL COMMUNION: Thursday 29th March 9.30am for the whole school. We need at least 10 sidespeople to assist with this service. You will need to arrive at 9am and will be free by 11am, anyone who can help will be very welcome. Please let Ann or the office know if you can help with this.

PRAYER CROSS: During Lent we are replacing the prayer tree with a cross. Prayer requests will be written on small 'post-it' type notes, rolled up and placed in one of the holes on the cross. They will be prayed for in the 8am service on Easter Sunday and several times during services in Lent.

EASTER LILIES: We will be using lilies to decorate the church at Easter. If you would like to dedicate a lily in memory of someone, please put your donation in the box at the back and fill in one of the slips beside it. The names will be on a list in the Book of Remembrance at Easter.

WITLEY FAIR SATURDAY 16 JUNE: Please note the date for this year's Witley Fair. This is our most important fund raising event and I am looking for people to volunteer to run an activity or to help

in the run-up or on the day. I can usually be found in Church after the 9.45 service or can be contacted on 01483 426027 or parrott.hawthorns@dsl.pipex.com. I know you will all do what you can to support this important event. Christine Parrott

FREE TO A GOOD HOME: there are some red kneelers that are no longer needed languishing at the back of Church. If you can use one or more for a garden kneeler, footrest or any other creative use, please take it home and give it a new lease of life.

£10.00 NOTES: the old notes are no longer acceptable in shops but we are very happy to accept them and re-cycle them through our friendly bank! Please put them in the donation box at the back or in the collection bags at the offertory. We will gratefully receive them.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK:

Wed, 21 st	10.15 AM 8.00pm	CAMEO 'Girls' Night' at the Star
Fri, 23 ^d	9.-10.30am 6.15-8.30pm	Little Saints Choir Practice
Sat, 24 th	8.30-12.30pm	Green Gym
Sun, 25 th	PALM SUNDAY 8.00am 9.45am	Holy Communion Parish Communion starting with palm procession from Jubilee Hall

FORTHCOMING:

THURSDAY, 17th May, 7pm Induction of Rev. James McKeran